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WHALEY BRIDGE
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL
HEALTH REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1971

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1971

MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH and HOUSING COMMITTEE (Whole Council)

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

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WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the year 1971

Public Health Department,

Town Hall,

Buxton,

Derbyshire.

Tel. No. Buxton 2061

To the Minister of State for the
Department of Health and Social Security and
The Chairman and Gentlemen.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I present the Annual Report on the Health of the Urban District for the year 1971.

The main causes of death were diseases of the heart and circulation with 30 cases (50%), cancer 11 cases (18%) and vascular lesions of the nervous system 9 cases (15%). These three groups accounted for 83% of the total number of deaths.

The total number of deaths for the year was 60. Of these 24 (40%) were aged 75 and over; 44 (73%) were aged 65 and over and 56 (93%) were aged 55 and over.

The Meals on Wheels Service, inaugurated in 1962, served a total of 1582 meals during the year.

I am most grateful to the Chairman and Members of the Health and Housing Committee, to the General Practitioners in the area and to the staff of the Health Department for their co-operation and support during the year.

Your obedient Servant,

H. E. NUPPEN

Medical Officer of Health.



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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Statistics

Area of Whaley Bridge Urban District (in acres)	. . .	3,479
Estimated Population (mid 1971)	. . .	5,290
Number of Inhabited Houses, end of 1971	. . .	2,037
Rateable Value	. . .	£153,630
Value of Penny Rate	. . .	£1,432

Vital Statistics

		M.	F.	T.
Live Births - Total	. . . . .	35	35	70
Legitimate	. . . . .	34	32	66
Illegitimate	. . . . .	1	3	4
Stillbirths - Total	. . . . .	1	-	1
Legitimate	. . . . .	1	-	1
Illegitimate	. . . . .	-	-	-
Total live and still births - Total	. . . . .	36	35	71
Legitimate	. . . . .	35	32	67
Illegitimate	. . . . .	1	3	4
Deaths of infants -				
under 1 year of age - Total	. . . . .	1	-	1
Legitimate	. . . . .	1	-	1
Illegitimate	. . . . .	-	-	-
under 4 weeks of age - Total	. . . . .	-	-	-
Legitimate	. . . . .	-	-	-
Illegitimate	. . . . .	-	-	-
under 1 week of age - Total	. . . . .	-	-	-
Legitimate	. . . . .	-	-	-
Illegitimate	. . . . .	-	-	-
Deaths - all ages	. . . . .	31	29	60

Live birth rates, etc.

	Whaley Bridge	England & Wales
Livebirths per 1,000 home population (crude rate).	13.2	16.0
Area comparability factor.	1.16	1.00
Local adjusted rate	15.3	16.0
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate.	.96	1.00
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births.	6	8
Stillbirth rate		
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births.	14	12
Infant mortality rates		
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births.	14	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births.	15	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births.	-	24
Neonatal mortality rate		
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	-	12
Early neonatal mortality rate		
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	-	10
Perinatal mortality rate		
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths.	14	22

	Whaley Bridge	England & Wales
Deaths rates, etc. - all ages		
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate) . .	11.3	11.6
Area comparability factor	1.00	1.00
Local adjusted rate	11.3	11.6
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate . .	.97	1.00

Comparability factors

Since 1954 the Registrar General has issued an "area comparability factor" for each County District and for the Country as a whole. The reason for this is to allow for the way in which the age and sex distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales as a whole.

Since 1957 the death rate area comparability factors have been adjusted to take into account the presence of residential institutions in the area.

When the local crude birth and death rates are multiplied by the factor, they are comparable with the crude rate for England and Wales.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT DURING YEAR 1971

Causes of Death	Males	Females	Total
All causes	31	29	60
B19(3) Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	3	5
B19(4) Malignant neoplasm, intestine	-	1	1
B19(6) Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	-	3
B19(11) Other malignant neoplasms	-	2	2
B21 Diabetes Mellitus	-	1	1
B26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	-	1
B27 Hypertensive Disease	1	3	4
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	7	9	16
B29 Other forms of heart disease	1	3	4
B30 Cerebrovascular disease	6	3	9
B46() Other diseases of circulatory system	2	3	5
B32 Pneumonia	3	-	3
B33(1) Bronchitis and emphysema	4	-	4
B46(7) Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1	1
B42 Congenital anomalies	1	-	1

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

- (a) Laboratory Facilities: Pathological and Bacteriological investigations are carried out at the County Public Health Laboratory, 121a Osmaston Road, Derby (Tel. Derby 41513). Chemical Analysis is carried out at the County Analyst's Department, Matlock (Tel. Matlock 3411).
- (b) Ambulance Facilities: This is a County Council service with an ambulance stationed at:
- Park Road, Buxton. (Tel. Buxton 2012)
- Park Road, New Mills. (Tel. New Mills 3333: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Buxton 2012 : 7 p.m. - 8 a.m.)
- Talbot House, Talbot Road, Glossop. (Tel. Glossop 3101: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Buxton 2012: 7 p.m. - 7 a.m.)
- (c) Nursing in the Home: This service is administered by the County Council.
- (d) Clinics and Treatment Centres:

<u>Name and Situation</u>	<u>Clinic held</u>	<u>By whom provided</u>
Child Welfare Clinic Church Hall, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge.	Wednesday 1.30 - 4.15 p.m	Derbys. County Council
Chest Clinic, Great Egerton Street, Stockport.	Monday 2.00 - 4.00	Regional Hospital Board
Venereal Disease Clinic, St. Thomas' Hospital, Shaw Heath, Stockport.	Mon., Wed., & Fri.	- do -

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47 as
Amended by the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

No action was taken under these powers.

FOOD

Food Poisoning Outbreaks

No cases of food poisoning were reported.

TUBERCULOSIS
NEW CASES DURING 1971

AGE PERIODS	New Cases			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-
65 & upwards	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	-	-

NEW CASES DURING THE YEARS 1962 - 1971

Year	Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			Grand Total
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	
1962	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
1963	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1964	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
1965	1	1	2	-	-	-	2
1966	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1967	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1968	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1969	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1970	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
1971	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

ALL CANCER DEATHS

Year	WHALEY BRIDGE		ENGLAND & WALES
	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population	Rate per 1,000 population
1962	9	1.69	2.175
1963	7	1.32	2.178
1964	12	2.27	2.209
1965	14	2.65	2.226
1966	18	3.43	2.249
1967	17	3.24	2.275
1968	12	2.26	2.300
1969	11	2.04	2.350
1970	15	2.80	2.342
1971	11	2.08	2.4

DEATHS FROM CANCER OF LUNG & BRONCHUS

Year	WHALEY BRIDGE		ENGLAND & WALES
	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population	Rate per 1,000 population
1962	1	0.19	0.509
1963	2	0.38	0.520
1964	4	0.76	0.535
1965	3	0.57	0.553
1966	5	0.95	0.562
1967	5	0.95	0.584
1968	1	0.18	0.593
1969	2	0.37	0.610
1970	5	0.94	0.606
1971	3	0.56	0.6
Total	31	5.85	5.672
Average(10 years)		0.58	0.56

DEATHS FROM BRONCHITIS & EMPHYSEMA

Year	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population
1962	6	1.13
1963	4	0.76
1964	3	0.57
1965	5	0.95
1966	1	0.19
1967	4	0.76
1968	6	1.13
1969	4	0.74
1970	4	0.75
1971	4	0.75

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES FOR THE YEAR 1971

Disease	Total Cases Notified (all ages)	Analysis of Total Cases in age Groups												
		Under 1 year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5- 9	10- 14	15- 24	25- 34	35- 44	45- 59	60 and over	Age Unknown
Measles	86	-	7	11	4	13	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	23	-	4	-	5	4	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1968 which came into operation on the 1st October, 1968 the following is a list of other notifiable diseases:

- Acute encephalitis
- Acute meningitis
- Acute poliomyelitis
- Anthrax
- Diphtheria
- Dysentery (amoebic or bacillary)
- Food Poisoning
- Infective Jaundice
- Leprosy
- Leptospirosis
- Malaria
- Cholera
- Opthalmia Neonatorum
- Paratyphoid Fever
- Plague
- Relapsing Fever
- Smallpox
- Scarlet fever
- Tetanus
- Tuberculosis
- Typhoid fever
- Typhus
- Yellow fever

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT
ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR 1971

Council Offices,
Reservoir Road,
WHALEY BRIDGE.

Tel. Whaley Bridge 2163.

To: The Secretary of State for the
Department of the Environment.

The Chairman and Members of the Council.

It is my pleasure to present my report in respect of the public health work undertaken by the Department of the Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.

At the outset I wish to thank the Chairman and members of the Health and Housing Committee for their co-operation and support during the year. My sincere thanks are also extended to the Council's staff not only for their willing assistance at all times, but for the cheerful and responsible manner in which they accepted additional work in difficult circumstances caused by the unfortunate prolonged illness of the Clerk of the Council.

As in previous years the Report is classified under subject headings set out in alphabetical order, as follows:-

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963

One further establishment for the boarding of cats was registered during the year. There are now three Animal Boarding Establishments operating within the Urban District. The accommodation provided in each case is of good construction and the Kennels and Cattery are well run under the personal supervision of the Owners.

Six detailed inspections were made in the course of the year and the conditions of the Licences together with the appropriate provisions of the Act were noted to be complied with in each case.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The measurement of smoke and sulphur dioxide at two stations was discontinued. Measurement was by 8 part Volumetric Apparatus located at two schools. Three factors determined the decision to suspend measurement. These were:

- (a) recurring mechanical faults with the constant flow pump;
- (b) problems of site location at the schools;
- (c) pressure on staff time which was aggravated by the difficulties mentioned above.

Following consultations with Warren Springs Laboratory, it was decided to suspend the stations but consider the setting up of an alternate Station, operating a single part Volumetric Apparatus, in a more convenient situation.

It has not been possible to establish this further Station to date.

CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960

There are two licenced caravan sites within the district. One holds a residential licence and the other a seasonal licence, being inhabited only during the summer.

The residential site, which has 3 caravans, is situated in the centre of the district and is well served by modern amenities. Three inspections were made in the course of the year and the conditions of the licence were found to be complied with on each inspection.

The seasonal licence is for a caravan park which lies in a sparsely populated area of the district which is of great landscape value. Planning permission was granted to extend the site from 30 to 36 caravans during the year following joint meetings, held with the Owner, the Area Planning Officer and myself.

A modern, well appointed, ablution block is available for site users and a recently constructed septic tank adequately copes with drainage. The site is generally well managed and ten inspections made revealed only minor contraventions of the site licence. These were satisfactorily dealt with by verbal notice.

The site receives its water supply from a private source and chemical and bacteriological water samples, taken during the summer, showed the water to be suitable for human consumption.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT 1967

The Council provide a Disposal Centre situated in the centre of the Urban District where members of the public can dispose of bulky items and old vehicles, free of charge.

This is supplemented by a free collection service for items which can be classed as domestic refuse, but will not go in the household dustbin.

The Disposal Centre is open to the public at all times and has become increasingly well used.

While instances of dumping on open land still occur, it is most noticeable that the frequency has reduced.

FACTORIES ACT 1961

The Factories Acts divide factories into two categories:-

- (a) Those with mechanical power
- (b) Those without mechanical power.

Inspections made under the terms of the Factories Acts and Sanitary Accommodation Regulations deal with the health and welfare of the workers employed. Particular attention is paid to cleanliness, ventilation, overcrowding, temperature and drainage (Sections 1, 2, 3, 9 and 6) and sanitary conveniences (Section 7).

In factories with mechanical power H.M. Factory Inspector deals with all of these provisions excepting sanitary conveniences which are dealt with by the Public Health Inspector. Factories without mechanical power are dealt with by the Public Health Inspector.

FACTORIES ACT 1961 (cont'd)

Below is a summarised list of factories together with the number of inspections made by the Public Health Inspector:-

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Written Notices	No. of Prosecutions
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are enforced by L.A.	4	8	-	-
2. Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A.	39	41	-	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A.	-	-	-	-

FOOD CONTROL

Food & Drugs Act 1955

The Council are not a Food and Drugs Authority since this responsibility rests with the Derbyshire County Council. Twenty one informal food and drugs samples were taken during the year and found to be satisfactory.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970

There are 88 premises in the area which come under the control of the Food Hygiene Regulations. Of these 62 are retail food shops and they are categorised below together with the number of inspections carried out in the course of the year.

Type of Shop	No.	No. of visits made
Butchers	7	11
Confectioners	16	18
Fish Fryers	3	6
Fishmongers	2	2
Greengrocers	11	12
Grocers	11	22
Mixed Business	10	20
Cafes	4	10
Total	64	101

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970 (cont'd)

There were no prosecutions taken under the Food Hygiene Regulations but it was found necessary to 'health educate' several retailers in respect of the proper storage of food, particularly food stored in refrigerated containers. Verbal cautions were also given with regard to the insanitary storage of waste food.

Unsound Food

There were two instances of food being voluntarily surrendered due to unfitness for human consumption and in both cases this was due to refrigerator failures.

In addition two tins of ham were condemned on account of blown containers.

Slaughter of Animals Acts & Regulations

There is one licenced private slaughterhouse in the urban district and the two slaughtermen operating there, are licenced by the Council.

Three inspections were made, to observe compliance with the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958 and conditions were found to be satisfactory, on each occasion.

The Slaughterhouses (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations 1958 were found to be complied with by the local firm of Veterinary Surgeons, who carried out 100% meat inspection during the year.

Details of inspections and condemnation are given overleaf.

HOUSING

(a) Council Houses

At the end of 1971 the Council had 342 houses and bungalows of which 212 houses and 53 bungalows has been erected during the post-war years.

Elderly Persons Accommodation

Due to the large and increasing waiting list for Elderly Persons accommodation, the construction of a Sheltered Housing Scheme, with provision for a Warden, was commenced on a flat site within the urban district. The scheme includes 30 double units which are linked together in a 2 storey construction with laundry, kitchen and common room facilities.

The open area around the building is being landscaped as part of a derelict land reclamation scheme covering part of the former High Peak and Cromford Railway.

It is anticipated that the accommodation will be fully occupied by the end of 1972.

(b) Private Development

Three houses were built by private construction. 173 houses and bungalows have been constructed during the post war years.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN 'WHOLE OR IN PART'

	Cattle exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pi s	Horses
Number killed	99	-	-	385	-	--
Number inspected	99	-	-	385	-	--
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cystercerci:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	--	--
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	-	-	36	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerici	3%	-	-	9.35%	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	--
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	--
<u>Cystercercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	--	--
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	--
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

HOUSING (cont'd)

(c) Sanitary Defects in Dwellings

Number of dwellings inspected for housing defects	217
Number of dwellings where defects were remedied	179
Number of dwellings where notices were served under the terms of the Public Health Acts	16
Number of dwellings where all work was completed by the Owner following the service of Notice	14
Number of dwellings where work was completed by the Council, in default, following the service of notice	2
Number of houses demolished in Clearance Areas	2

(d) Modernisation of Older Dwellings - Improvement Grants

(i) Private Properties

17 houses were improved during the year with the assistance of grant aid. Improvement Grants were paid in respect of 3 properties and Standard Grants given for 14 properties.

The total amount payable was as follows:-

	£
Improvement Grants	1454
Standard Grants	2000

It is interesting to note the marked increase in improvement grant applications in the early months of 1972. The total amount approved has in fact increased nine times over this year's figures, indicating that grants have now "caught on".

Details of completed improvements can be summarised as follows:-

Provision of fixed bath or shower	11
Provision of internal W.C.	14
Provision of hot water supply	11
Provision of wash hand basin	11
Provision of damp proofing	2
Improvements, repairs and replacements incidental to improvements	3

(ii) Council Properties

A start was made on the modernisation of 34 houses which were built in the period between the two wars. The houses, which are soundly built, of natural stone, are all on one estate and the work, which is extensive, has been let out to contract. Although the houses are of differing types the improvements can be summarised as follows:-

1. Adjustment of the internal room arrangement so as to comply with Parker Morris Standards. Major alterations in this category include the enlargement of all kitchens, which will be provided with damp proofed floors, finished with p.v.c. tiles.

HOUSING (cont'd)

2. Renewal of electrical and plumbing services and all sanitary goods which had outlived their useful life.
3. Provision of central heating.
4. Renewal of external windows and doors, with alterations to sizes, where appropriate.
5. The carrying out of general repair items.

It is hoped to modernise all council owned pre-war houses prior to mid 1974 in the manner described above.

It has been possible in the course of modernisation to increase the number of bedrooms in some of the houses, and by the careful letting of council houses that will be released when the Elderly Persons Scheme takes effect, it is anticipated that better use can be made of the Council's housing stock in the near future.

OFFICES SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Three catering establishments were registered in compliance with this Act during the year. A list of registered premises, together with the number of persons employed in them, is shown below:-

Class of Premises	No. registered during year	Total No. of reg'd premises	No. of persons employed
Offices	NIL	9	42
Retail shops	NIL	39	170
Wholesale shops & Warehouses	NIL	3	26
Catering establishments open to public	3	9	33
Totals	3	60	271
Total number of males 112			
Total number of females 159			

REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL

Disposal

Due to planning difficulties in establishing a suitable tip within the urban district, refuse was again disposed of at Buxton Borough Council's tip, at Hogshaw.

It is most pleasing to be able to record the helpful cooperation afforded by Buxton Council to this Urban District Council in their difficulties and I personally am most grateful to the Buxton Corporation officials, particularly Mr. Gaddas the Chief Public Health Inspector, for a willingness to assist at all times.

REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL (cont'd)

Collection

Refuse was again collected by Direct Labour. A new vehicle was purchased at the beginning of the year to replace the former 20 cu. yd. Packamatic vehicle which had reached the end of its useful life.

Thought was given on the one hand to the size of vehicle required, having regard to manouverability and access, in the rural part of the district; while it was also thought desirable to collect as much refuse as possible in one load and save journeys to the tip at Buxton.

A Norba compression vehicle, designed to meet the demands of the locality, but also capable of carrying a 7 ton load, was purchased. Only one trip per day to the tip has generally been found necessary and improvements in the frequency of collection have been achieved.

A plastic bin liner scheme over one quarter of the district was also introduced, as a pilot scheme and the improvements noted in hygiene, convenience and increased efficiency indicate that the scheme will be extended.

The frequency of collection was reduced from 7 days to 6 days by the year end.

Consideration is being given to the implementation of a bonus scheme in the near future, with a view to achieving a 5 Day Collection Round.

RODENT CONTROL

75 inspections were dealt with, on complaint, by a part-time Rodent Operator. 3 wasps nests were also successfully dealt with.

SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Whaley Bridge Joint Serewage Board receive all public sewers, within the district, at their Furness Vale Works.

Most properties are connected to the main sewerage system, exceptions being those in outlying areas.

Details of foul drainage are as follows:-

No. of premises connected to sewers	1,882
No. of premises NOT connected to sewers	138
No. of premises connected to sewers in 1971 ...	3

Closet accommodation in the Area

Dwellings with Pail Closets	7
Dwellings with W.C.'s	1,981

WATER SUPPLY

The public water supply is under the control of the Stockport and District Water Board who serve approximately 5,300 persons in 2,000 premises.

WATER SUPPLY (cont'd)

Two bacteriological samples of water from domestic supplies were submitted for analyses, following complaints received and, in each case, they were found to be satisfactory.

Three chemical and seven bacteriological samples were taken from independant private water supplies and in all cases but one were found to be satisfactory.

The one adverse result showed a severe case of lead contamination. A long lead supply pipe was replaced by a plastic one and check samples taken since have been favourable.

Your obedient Servant,

B. ASHFIELD

Public Health Inspector and Surveyor

